

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

I, Glade H. Howell, declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is 1202 East 11000 South, Sandy, Utah 84094; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled BLOOD SEAL HAVING A SPRING-BIASED SEPTUM, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Sandy, Utah, this 21 day of
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For: BLOOD SEAL HAVING A SPRING-BASED SEPTUM

TO: Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY, REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS
AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above-identified patent application, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and the following attorneys and agents are hereby appointed to prosecute the above-identified patent application and any reissue or re-examination applications regarding said patent application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with said patent application:

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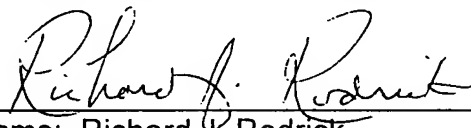
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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of said patent and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above. The undersigned is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sections 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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